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STATE OF EUROPE.

Benedetti's Revelations as to the Origin of the Franco-German War.

The Last Convention Between Germany and France.

Excitement in Austria Over the Bohemian Protensions.

Extraordinary Sensation Created by the Chicago Fire.

The New German Coinage--German Protestant Assembly--Significant Incident at Berlin.

Special Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.
BERLIN, PRUSSIA, October 16.

BENEDETTI'S BOOK.

Benedetti's book, justifying his diplomatic action in Prussia, makes no little sensation here. The general impression it leaves on the Germans is a fuller acquittal, if possible, from all responsibility in their part of the war. It justifies Benedetti in showing that he only followed orders, especially in his most exceptionable actions; but it thereby places the responsibility the more heavily on Grammont and Napoleon, if not on the French nation. It shows how eager the French Ministry were for war, urging one pretext after another, which poor Benedetti had often to present against his wishes; and how, finally, he was instructed, in the event of an insult, which he was ordered to provoke, to frame a despach which the Minister of Foreign Affairs could read to the Legislative Assembly as a firebrand of war. The enemies of Napoleon, both in France and Germany, are making political capital out of this book, taking the occasion to warn the people against a dynasty so belligerently inclined, and against such a self-destructive policy as that of Napoleon. This, in connection with Napoleon's letter to the late Sir John Burgoyne, offers a special opportunity for political capital. This last, written from Wilhelmshoehe, accounts for the misfortunes of Sedan chiefly by a movement which Napoleon says he was "required to take for political reasons." The book of Benedetti furnishes also a variety of interesting information, in regard to the endless diplomatic efforts of the French to acquire the west bank of the Rhine, and to prevent the extension of Prussia to the north. Among the other plans of Napoleon, one was to erect the Rhine province into a neutral kingdom, under the dynasty of the Prince of Hohenzollern,—the same who since became the unwilling cause of the war. It appears also, that Article V. of the Treaty of Prague, which holds back Prussia from North Schleswig, was entirely the work of France, and not specially demanded by Austria; which accounts, by the way, for the circumstance that Austria has since not been concerned about its violation. It may not be generally known, but the whole Treaty of Prague (by which the war between Prussia and Austria in '66 was closed) was made between France and Prussia rather than between Austria and Prussia, or, as Bismark observes, between three powers with but two agents. In the Spanish throne question, it appears that Bismark informed Benedetti that Prince Frederic Carl was also a candidate, but that the religious question was unavoidable in the way; and could not be set aside by the Prince's passing over to the Catholic religion. Bismark further said that he had no confidence in the political capacity of Frederic Carl, although he admitted his military talents.

From this circumstance—at least there is no other sufficient ground alleged—France Frederic Carl has always remained the bitter enemy of Bismark. It appears also from the book of Benedetti, that Bismark did not at any time speak promising (our consent, German territory) which he did not keep; but that it never came to a question of territorial cession, except of neutral lands,—Belgium and Luxemburg,—which, however, they both seemed not unwilling to sacrifice for the sake of peace, somewhat after the manner of Shylock, who said he would have his flesh, but without a drop of blood, or else all his wife's relations for the sake of the Union.

THE FRANCO-GERMAN CONVENTION.

The conversation between the French Minister of Finance and the Imperial Chancellor, in regard to the Alsace customs and the German evacuation, is doubtless of very doubtful issue, although the result will not be made public till in the King's address this afternoon. It is understood that, in consideration of the liberal terms granted by France for the trade of Alsace and Lorraine, the German troops that were to have been detained in the interior of France till the 1st of next May will be immediately withdrawn. M. Pouyer-Quertier has left Berlin, highly satisfied with the result of his mission; since, for some unexplained reason, Count Arnim has done every energy to get the Germans as quickly as possible away from the centre of France.

THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

In the elections of France there seems to have been a moderate victory of the moderate party—not a very brilliant or definite one for any party. A new effect on the political-clerical party. The greater number, however, of candidates chosen were neither Bonapartists, Legitimists, Orleanist, nor Republican, but supporters of the present government and policy, whatever that may be; for this party has been a great body in France who are for sustaining the dynasty or party in power, which will always make any party strong which gets the throne or the upper hand. It was this element which rallied up the millions for Napoleon in the plebiscite of 1870. It is the element of "floating" Americans in the United States, which always makes sure of the successful candidate; though it is much stronger than the latter.

THE BOHEMIAN PRETENSIONS.

The revolutionary stand of Bohemia has created an immense furor in Austria, as was to have been expected. Hardly anything else has filled the journals and the public attention for the past week. The Czechs seem, however, to have gone too far for their own purposes, as their pretensions are now wholly unveiled, and, in their extravagance, condemned. Those who had heretofore been friendly to their contest against centralization now forsake them on account of their disunionism. Hungary comes out strongly on the side of the Germans, preserving no longer her accustomed indifference. This State has always, indeed, been rather liberally inclined, and has hailed the Constitutional control in Bohemia. Now it declares that it would not be united to Austria only under the constitution. Even the Poles are becoming jealous of the Bohemians, and are beginning to oppose their too exclusive pretensions; at least, such is the inference from the latest news from Lemberg, the centre of the Polish agitation. Heretofore the Poles thought they were masters of the situation, but now they must yield the leadership of the opposition to the Bohemians. Hohenwart and the Ministry are with the Bohemians in this contest. The Emperor, on the other hand, appears to be against them, this last being due to the influence of Beust, against whom a storm of indignation has lately arisen, which will compel him to resign, or else cause a new Ministerial crisis. In the University of Vienna, at the inauguration of the new Rector, the students hissed the Czechian Ministers—Schaeffle, Habietenek, and Ireeck—out of the hall, while they loudly applauded the entrance of Beust.

THE CHICAGO FIRE.

The great fire in Chicago has raised an extraordinary sensation here, as it appears to have throughout Europe. I see that in Minhave all the Chicago fire, and some other fires, are raising money for the relief of the sufferers, in grateful remembrance of the assistance which the people of Chicago so generously rendered them during the [illegible] many during the [illegible] the American Consul, also, in Berlin; and [illegible] Chicagoans, and several of the most prominent business firms. Mr. Kreismann, who has [illegible] committee to receive have been constituted as [illegible] The English and forward the contributions. The effect on paper expresses great fears [illegible] and trade, the English and American trade and trade, the French emporiums; and some of the greatly endangers, also, are thought to be greatly endangers, also, are thought to be greatly endangers, also, are thought to be

ORIGIN OF THE FRANCO-GERMAN WAR.

Interesting Statement by the French Ambassador at Berlin--Bits of Secret History.

Count Benedetti, who for several years preceding the declaration of war against Germany in 1870 was the French Ambassador at Berlin, has published a volume of 450 pages entitled "My Mission in Prussia," giving his version of the origin of the war. In his preface he says that he is not chargeable with the diplomatic offense of letting the French Government remain ignorant of what was going on in Germany before July, 1870. On the contrary, he announced the Hohenzollern candidature as early as the month of March, 1869. Several preliminary chapters are devoted to describing the relations between France and Germany from the battle of Koniggratz to the Spanish difficulty. But the most important part of the volume refers to the negotiations at Ems.

According to M. Benedetti, it was about 11 o'clock of the morning of July 8 that he arrived at Ems; it was in the afternoon of the 10th that he left that watering-place, and in that brief interval the two governments were committed to war. On the 7th of July M. Benedetti was at Wildbad, when he received orders from Paris to go at once to Ems, where instructions would await him. Those instructions, signed by the Duc de Grammont, he here prints at length. Prince Leopold had accepted the position of Spanish candidate for the Crown of Spain. The King of Prussia had professed, says the despatch, that he was altogether indifferent to the fact. "In that case," said the Duc, "we beg of him to be so no longer, but to interfere, if not by order, at least by counsels, to prevent the further progress of the design." In a private letter of the same date, July 7, M. de Grammont said: "You must really get a downright answer from the King, and this is what alone will satisfy us. The King's government does not approve of the acceptance signified by Prince Leopold, and orders him to withdraw it as given without the King's permission." Thus early he wrote in the same letter: "We cannot be put off, for in case of a non-satisfactory reply, next Saturday movements must begin to enable the army to take the field within a fortnight. Get the King to revoke his permission, and all will be immense success; if not, it will be war. But no ambiguities, no delays." On the day after his arrival M. Benedetti was received by the King, and dined with him. In a long conversation the King said he had given his consent to Prince Leopold's candidature, but only as head of the family, not as sovereign, and his government had had nothing to say in the matter. The negotiations on the subject had been, and had to the Spanish Government, and the Prince. M. Benedetti urged that the public would never be brought to understand this distinction, and pressed the King much to consider the state of public feeling in France, and the ease with which he might render a priceless service to the cause of peace, but the King was immovable, maintaining that the Prince's resolution in no wise affected the honor of France. At last, however, he said he had written to the Prince's father, Prince Antoine, and had asked him whether his son had considered the excitement that was existing in France on the subject, and whether he expected to hear from him on the subject. M. Benedetti easily obtained the promise that as soon as the King received Prince Antoine's reply he would see him again. In the course of the conversation the King spoke warmly respecting the language held by the Duc de Grammont in the Assembly, which he said was very like a provocation to Prussia.

On the 10th M. Benedetti did not see the King till late in the evening, but on that day M. de Grammont telegraphed: "We cannot wait; we must have an answer before the day is over. Our preparations must begin. We cannot let Prussia get first." Such is the same day he telegraphed: "Let me have a despatch which I can read to the Chamber. Tell us that the King knew of and authorized the renunciation of the Prince, or he now asks for time to confer with the Prince before making known his further resolution." M. Benedetti, on Sunday, 9th, was cautioned by Paris: war, he said, would become inevitable if military preparations were commenced with ostentation. In the evening he saw the King and told him that the French Government could not possibly put off its explanations in the Assembly. The King said he had not heard from Prince Leopold, but would receive Mr. Benedetti in the morning. On the 10th the Duc de Grammont wrote to M. Benedetti a private letter, in which he said, "We really cannot allow ourselves categories to go before us to-day, as they got before Austria in 1866. Besides, I tell you frankly public opinion is vehemently excited, and threatens to take the control of affairs out of our hands. We must begin, and we shall not wait longer than until the arrival of your despatch. I shall call in the 300,000 men who are liable. I beg you earnestly to telegraph me something clear and decisive, if the King will not counsel the Prince of Hohenzollern to give way—well, there is nothing for it but war, and in a few days we shall be on the Rhine." On the 10th, M. Benedetti obtained an auditory audience of the King, which lasted an hour. The King asked the French Minister to telegraph to Paris, and say that he expected an answer from Prince Leopold that evening or next day, and would see M. Benedetti immediately upon its arrival. In the course of the conversation the King said, "I am not so ignorant as you may suppose of the preparations your people are making in Paris, and I tell you frankly that I on my side am taking care not to be surprised." He afterward added that the trusted peace would be maintained, and that it would be for it Paris they would only wait the short time that would be necessary to enable him to contribute to that result. M. Benedetti explained to his government that the King's anxiety seemed to be that he should not stand before Germany as having any responsibility in the matter of Prince Leopold's candidature, but should let the withdrawal be entirely the Prince's act.

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M. Benedetti saw the King on the 13th, and preferred the new demand according to his instructions; but the King firmly refused to comply with it. He neither could nor would, he said, take any such engagement. While he was with the King, the Duc de Grammont's inditing and sent him more urgent telegram to the effect that France was not, and could not be, satisfied with what the King had done. At his last audience, M. Benedetti was led by the King to expect that he would see him again on the following day, but instead he himself received a visit from the King's Aide-de-camp, Prince Radziwil; and learned from him that the King considered the matter terminated, and that anything more M. Benedetti might have to urge must be communicated to the Ministers. M. Benedetti attributes the King's refusal to see him to wounded feelings, as he had in the interval received from his Minister at Paris, Baron Werther, an account of his interview with the Duc de Grammont and M. Ollivier, in which they were represented as making demands upon the King, which the latter considered derogatory. But in any case, M. Benedetti says, there was no want of courtesy at Ems on either side. M. Benedetti, according to orders, returned to Paris and the King went to Berlin, with whose result is only too well known. M. Benedetti proves convincingly that he faithfully executed his instructions, and is less successful in showing that the war was forced on the Emperor's government by the Assembly, the newspapers, and the population of Paris.

Terrible Crime on the Hudson River Railroad Track--A Man Shot and Left for the Cars to Run Over.

It was briefly noticed a few days since, that a man named Gustave Knester was found lying half dead, on the Hudson River Railroad track near Riverdale. The particulars of the affair reveal a horrible tale, which makes the blood run cold. At 2 o'clock Wednesday morning the engineer of a southerly bound train saw a man sitting or lying on the track between Riverdale and Spuyten Duyvil. He whistled down brakes, and the locomotive run over the man before the train was stopped. The conductor walked back and found Knester lifelessly unconscious and bathed in blood. There were four gashes on his face, and the blood gushed out of the arteries of his arms, which were mangled and cut to pieces. He was well dressed, but clots of blood were found over the diamond on the shirt and over the rings on the finger. He was lifted into a car and conveyed to New York, and at once sent to Bellevue Hospital.

Upon examining him after his arrival there, it was found that near the right temple a pistol ball had entered and gone out of the left cheek. It had gone straight through the head and cut all the bones in two, and an inch and a half below another ball had passed through. He was still alive and able to speak, and stated to a reporter that he left the fair of the American Institute at a late hour the night previous and took the cars for Bergen. There he took a one-horse car for Manhattanville, where, with several friends, he took passage on a train for Yonkers. At Riverdale he got out of the train for a moment, when it went off, leaving him behind. He walked a little way when three men came after him; they were excited and talked excitedly; one told him he would shoot him, and did shoot him. He fell on the track and hearing a train coming tried to crawl away. He did crawl a little, but could not go any further when the train came over his arms. At this stage of his whispering to the reporter his eyelids dropped and he could speak no more. He cannot recover. He was the owner of a large white horse in Yonkers and belongs to a highly respectable German family. A large amount of money, which he had in the pocket, was found untouched, but his gold watch was missing.

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Joliet, Ill., Oct. 25, 1871.

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NO MORE WOODEN BUILDINGS.

In April, 1845, a fire commenced in the city of Pittsburgh, which was not stopped until it had consumed nearly everything in that city that was combustible. The city had previously taken the precaution to prohibit the erection of frame buildings, but a number of old ones were still in existence. A long drought, a high wind came, and the destruction of Pittsburgh was even more overwhelming than that of Chicago. It did not destroy as much, but it destroyed all there was. We have had a costly experience of this kind of building. Three-fourths of the houses in Chicago before the fire were of wood, and now nine-tenths are of that material. Since the fire there have been put up monster buildings, to be used for stores and warehouses, all of wood. The few attempts at brick buildings are in no case better, having for the most part their exterior walls of brick, and everything else of wood. By special permission of the Board of Public Works, two sheds have been erected on Madison-street, just south of the High School (where all our remaining public records are kept). These sheds are 190 feet deep by 50 feet wide, and are stored with cooper's materials—the sheds to be used for drying purposes. If they were powder magazines they would be no more dangerous to property and life. A spark in one of them would produce a conflagration that no fire apparatus could arrest, and which, being fed by the many other hardly less inflammable buildings, would sweep the West Division as if it were a field of dried grass. All over the West Side there are frame buildings in course of erection, by whose permission and by what authority no one seems to know, and no one seems to care. Miserable buildings and shanties are perambulating the streets in search of jobs, whose owners ought to be compelled to take them to pieces. The Board of Public Works are greatly to blame for permitting those structures to be moved and the streets occupied by buildings worthless except as fuel to feed the next great fire.

We want two immediate reforms, and the new Mayor and Common Council will be false to the interests they have been elected to protect, if they fail to give them the shape of law. The first is the prohibition of the erection of any frame building within the corporate limits, and the next is a like prohibition of wooden cornices or cupolas, or other inflammable appendages to buildings of any kind.

There has never been any attempt to regulate building in Chicago. The fall of a half dozen brick structures and the murder of a score or two of persons, led to the enactment of a law by the Legislature giving the City Council full power over this subject, but those powers have never been exercised. The men selected for this purpose have never interfered. Architects too old or too obstinate to be governed by considerations of safety, have continued to erect buildings too high to be reached with water, yes six-monster fifty-story specimens of pine knots. During the recent fire those cheap and lumber traps made a grand display, and furnished plenty of blazing material for the wind to bear away to other parts of the city.

The same reckless disregard of every precaution against fire is shown in the location of lumber yards. These seem to have been so provided that in case a fire should exhibit any signs of exhaustion, it could be renewed by some lumber yard conveniently placed for that purpose. It is impossible to put out a fire once well started in a lumber yard, and yet there is not a railroad freight office, nor an elevator, nor a mill, nor any other large depository of property that has not a well stocked lumber yard in its immediate vicinity. Canal street, to which the business of the city has been driven by the fire, has its lumber yards conveniently arranged to order that the next great fire may not speedily go out for want of material.

Chicago has paid dearly during the last fifteen years enough money in extra insurance, caused by frame buildings, to have built a brick building for each wooden one erected within that time. As a matter of economy, therefore, the further erection of wooden buildings ought to be prohibited. The owners of wooden structures now feel the great loss. They are paying an advance of 150 to 300 per cent in the rates of insurance, and their buildings are of less value, be cause tenants for the most part are unable to get any insurance from responsible companies on goods in wooden buildings.

The insurance companies are responsible for much of the encouragement to the building of frame houses. Such has been the competition that every time a loaded lumber wagon passed along the street, it was followed by insurance solicitors, who waited on the ground until they had secured a risk to any possible amount on the yet unbuilt structure. This is hardly an exaggeration. Risks were taken, and for any amount the owner asked, on anything from a hay rick to a mansion. The policies of the victimized holders of $80,000,000 of worthless policies can now understand the real value of that reckless insurance which asked not whether the building was of wood or stone, or whether it contained iron or petroleum.

We have had enough of this exposure of life and property. We have paid heavily for our defiance of the elements, and for our violation of natural laws. It is time we should stop this. There is not a city in the United States having 100,000 inhabitants, which permits the erection of frame buildings. They have been prohibited everywhere else, long ago, and we must begin at once. We must stop the erection of wooden buildings and of brick buildings with wooden partition walls. No more wooden buildings should be allowed to be moved. The trade in shanties should now be stopped forever, and we must now commence to build a first-class city out of first-class materials.

ANOTHER KIND OF HOME INSURANCE.

We are informed that a number of the proprietors of grain elevators in this city have purchased steam fire engines for their buildings. They have also purchased, and will at once put into each elevator, a steam pump, by means of which water can be forced in large quantities to each floor, where, with pipe and hose, the force of the establishment can promptly put out any fire originating in the building, and can protect the building from fire occuring in the vicinity. The entire building, inside and out, can be flooded with water if necessary. The danger from fire from within is so very slight that these precautions will render the buildings and contents entirely safe from a fire of that kind, while they can also keep the metal-coated buildings so constantly wet as to prevent their burning from any ordinary fire from without.

Having provided these buildings with all the protection that human agency can devise, they can afford to discontinue insurance. Long experience has shown that elevator property has been the best paying risk taken by insurance companies in this city. Under the recently established rates, the insurance companies will soon exact the value of each elevator and contents for premiums. Hereafter the warehousemen and the owners of the grain will be their own insurers. One year's insurance at present rates on the average value of the grain in store and the elevators themselves will amount to $750,000. By the adoption of means to render any serious damage from fire impossible, the community interested will save, after bearing all expenses, nine-tenths of this large sum. Like precautions will, we understand, be taken in all our large establishments. Each will have its own fire apparatus, fire plugs and fire brigade for its own protection, and thus save the expense of insurance, which, in the end, may prove worthless. The days of bogus insurance business in Chicago have, in all likelihood, departed forever.

THE TAX COMMISSIONER.

Yesterday it was stated that the Tax Commissioner held his office until March, 1873, and could not be removed before that time. This was an error. Under the act of 1869 the term of the office is made to expire on the first Monday in December, 1871, when the Mayor will have the power to make a new appointment.

THE GRAIN TRADE IN WINTER.

The New Orleans merchants are making efforts to establish a direct trade with Europe for the cereals of the Northwest. For three or four years past shipments have been made of corn and wheat from that port for Liverpool, which arrived there in good order. The apprehensions that some entertained that, in the passage through the Gulf of Mexico, grain might become heated and injured, have not been justified by the results. The fact is an important one in its bearings upon this city. During the season of lake, canal, and river navigation the route from this city and the Northwest to the Atlantic ports, and thence to Europe, is shorter by three or four weeks than from here to New Orleans, and from there to Europe. It will, therefore, command the business. But, in the season of suspended lake and river navigation, lasting, generally, from early in November to the middle of May, cereals cannot be transported nearly so cheaply by rail as by the way of New Orleans. The distance by rail to Cairo, and thence by water navigation, will always be cheaper than by rail direct to the cities of New York, Boston or Portland. Our warehouses and elevators have for several years been crowded with grain during the winter season, waiting for navigation. The outlet by way of New Orleans would enable Chicago to prosecute the grain business at this season without the usual delays. Arrangements could easily be made to obtain through bills of lading from this city to Liverpool *via* New Orleans, insured for the whole transit, upon which bills of exchange might be drawn, and thus enable the merchant in Chicago to realize at once upon corn and wheat shipped here. Such arrangements would be of great advantage during the approaching winter. By the time the fire our warehouses have been in a large proportion destroyed, and, with all the preparations that can be made, we shall not have storage room for half the quantity of grain usually seeking this port in the winter. And our neighboring cities are not prepared to receive it. The other lake ports have for several years had all the grain they could give room to during this season of suspended navigation. The quantity which we shall have no room for will be as much in excess of their capacity as it will be for ours. But New Orleans can ship it in winter is manifest. There are now three lines of ocean steamers between that port and Europe, employing twenty first-class vessels, and making about eight trips each month, and, in addition to this, several other steamships plying between New Orleans and Liverpool not connected with any line, and a large fleet of sailing vessels.

THE SUBSIDY BUSINESS.

All the ocean steamship companies are preparing for a grand raid upon Congress for subsidies. They want Congress to vote them money to build ships with. One of these companies is the unfortunate Mediterranean Ship Building Company, an impecunious concern, which asks for a loan of only a few millions. It is now understood that this company proposes to bid for Southwestern support, by including in its demand one or two millions more to be expended in building a shipyard at St. Louis, at which all the iron steamships of the company are to be built. The New York *Bulletin*, commenting upon these schemes, says:

> New Orleans is now raising $1,000,000 to start a Mediterranean line. Baltimore has $1,000,000 at work and raise another $1,000,000 to start an iron shipyard. The Pacific roads in this matter are identical. New Orleans is a good receiving and distributing port for grain and cotton; and St. Louis is located most favorably for the construction of the new vessels. Then let them go to work and bring the whole vast Western and Southern interest to bear upon Congress for the repeal of the duties on the raw material employed in iron and other shipbuilding. The repeal of the duties on iron alone would do more to stimulate iron shipbuilding than a dozen subsidies. If a better plan than these can be devised we would like to hear of it.

The repeal of the duties on iron would be equivalent to a restoration of $15,000,000 a year to the pockets of the consumers of iron. It would enable the ship-building interest to resume, and would be the signal for a new era of prosperity. Iron is not owned in the United States, such as is not possessed by any other country. It would give to the production of iron in this country an encouragement not only unprecedented, but healthy and permanent, and not exposed to any of the vicissitudes of legislation.

N. BONAPARTE'S POSITION.

The London *Times* prints, from a trustworthy source, a report of some remarks by the Emperor Napoleon, explaining that gentleman's position, especially with regard to the imperial throne. Mr. Bonaparte makes a distinct denial of any knowledge of a conspiracy or intrigue for the purpose of placing him upon the throne of France. On the contrary, he denounces all intrigue, and avows that the only present occupation of his imperial energies is of a retrospective and introspective, rather than prospective, character. "When," says his late Imperial Majesty, "one has fallen from such a height, the first sentiment one experiences is not the desire to again mount upon the pinnacle, but to seek the causes of the fall in order to explain one's conduct and combat calumny, while still recognizing one's faults. In doing this one reviews the past, rather than seeks to read the future, and strives much more to justify one's self than to accomplish a restoration." Since the rejection of the plebiscite above, the people have had no public means of refuting unjust attacks and of rectifying erroneous appreciations." It may be remarked by the frivolons, at this point, that, if Louis has undertaken the task of justifying himself for his course through the past twenty-three years, and especially during the summer and autumn of 1870, he has a job on hand which will last him at least the remainder of his days, and preclude the possibility of any active career, either as an intriguer, an Emperor, or a historian. But the more considerate will remark that if the Emperor has really gone into the business of self-examination and of analyzing the sentences of kingcraft, he has made a wise choice of occupation, in view of his position before the world, and is much more likely, if his physical and mental energies hold out, to win (and keep) a crown again by such a process than by organizing intrigues in his own behalf. But it is very evident from Louis' conversation, as well as from the character which he has developed while an exile of France, that if he enters into any examination of his career, it will be purely for the purpose of demonstrating his own infallibility—of making out a case for himself, as the saying is—with which to go before the French people as a candidate for a new lease of power.

Mr. Bonaparte says, and perhaps he persuades himself, that during the twenty-three years of his reign he was "animated by a single thought—the welfare of the country;" whereas everybody knows that his single aim was not to enhance the welfare of the people, but to enhance the welfare of certain influential classes, and stimulate a certain false appearance of national prosperity which his subjects should be made to believe constituted "the welfare of the country." The keystone of the plan consisted of military glory and territorial aggrandizement, which have no more connection with "the welfare of the country" than the ribbons of a prize beef have with the nutrition to be derived from the meat. Indeed, they may be like poisonous ribbon, which infect the whole carcass.

This keystone of Napoleon's policy proving unsound, the arch and its superstructure were prostrated to the ground, and the Emperor came down from his "pinnacle" in the way which he describes; and yet, strange to say, the dethroned monarch is now "animated by a single thought"—that of getting back upon a similar pinnacle. This is undoubtedly the Emperor's cherished object, however solemnly he may, with hand on his breast and eyeballs inward turned, asseverate the contrary.

Let a discumbler but talk long enough, and he will prove himself such, is a proverb which some one has, or ought to have, inculcated. And so the late Emperor reveals, in his subsequent conversation, the intensity of his ambition to be reinstated. He simulates a loyalty to the present Government of France, and declares that "to overthrow it would be a bad action;" but he adds with fervor that his own "rights remain intact," and that "no decision of the Chamber can prevent me from being the legitimate sovereign of France." This certainly sounds as if it were intended as a rallying cry for Napoleon's partisans, of whom he says, many officers have written to him to know whether he would allow them to serve the present government, and he has uniformly notified them that he "could not release them from their oaths (!) until, by a direct vote (one of Napoleon's favorite plebiscites) the entire nation shall have chosen a definitive government." Napoleon's estimate of the present representative government may be inferred from his expression of "the pain with which I see the destinies of France delivered over to the hazard of events, the fury of factions, the weakness of the men in power, and the exactions of the foreigner."

It is very evident, therefore, that Napoleon is yearning keenly for a continuation of those twenty-three years of rule on which he dotes so much. Not only that, but he is apparently doing what he can, by correspondence and otherwise, to gather and solidify a party of Bonapartists, with a view of taking possession, forcibly or by intrigue, of the reins of government, now nominally in the hands of the people. In this scheme he is the same arch-enemy of France that he was upon that still-coveted pinnacle, the imperial throne.

IMPORTANT CORRECTION.

In our report in our issue of 10th inst. of the decision of Judge Williams on the application made for the appointment of a Receiver in the cases of the Commercial and Garden City Insurance Companies, the name "Commercial" was accidentally printed "Continental," thereby, unwittingly on our part, spreading a false impression as to the solvency of the Continental Insurance Company of New York. We regret the mistake, and, in justice to the company and to those of our readers who hold its policies, we assure the latter that, in our opinion, the Continental is a sound insurance company, in which impression we are confirmed by the statement of the Superintendent of the Insurance Department of New York, published in another column.

We request our exchanges to do us the favor, in justice to ourselves and the Continental, to make editorial mention of this correction.

The Brantford (Canada) *Courier* seems to think that the Fenian raids into that country are produced by an overwhelming desire on the part of the American people for the annexation of the British provinces. It therefore makes it known that "from Vancouver's Land to Nova Scotia, the Canadians are a united people," opposed to annexation. The same paper insists that there will be no fraternal peace between the two countries until the Americans "fully understand these things." One Canadian neighbors should understand that, however willing the American people are to accept the union of the British American States, there is not an American-born citizen who has the remotest thought of accomplishing that result by force. When that union does take place, it must be the voluntary act of the Canadian people. It is possible that the people of this country think that it would promote the prosperity of both countries if they were under one government, and that the Canadians would reap a larger portion of the gain resulting from annexation; but that does not imply that annexation has such present or remote advantages as to induce our people to infringe any rights of the Canadians. There is not a rational man in the United States, of native or foreign birth, who does not hold the Fenian raids to be most infamous. Those who shall engage in them ought to be punished as outlaws and pirates.

The San Francisco *Chronicle* of November 4 calls the attention of the public to certain provisions which have been included in all new policies issued by insurance companies of that city since the Chicago fire. The Fireman's Fund Company has the following:

> And it is agreed by the insured that the insured will look solely to the assets of the corporation for the payment of losses under this policy.

The Union Insurance Company has introduced the following in their policies, with the same object in view:

> It is agreed by the insured accepting a policy of insurance that in case of fire he will look for the payment to no other fund than the assets of the stockholders of the Union Insurance Company, and that none of the stockholders or officers of the company shall be held liable for the payment of the same in all right to hold such stockholders or officers individually liable, given by the laws of the State of California, is hereby expressly waived by the assured.

Persons taking policies from companies, wherever located, should see that that no such repudiation of liability is made part of the contract of insurance.

In October, 1870, S. J. Arrot obtained judgment against the city of Dubuque, Iowa, for $82,870, in the United States Court, and on the 24th of July, 1871, the United States Circuit Court for Iowa issued a mandamus, requiring the Mayor and City Council of Dubuque to levy a special tax for the payment of the judgment. The Mayor and Council having refused or declined to obey the mandate, the court on the 3d of November issued an order of arrest, requiring the Mayor and the members of the Common Council to show cause at Des Moines, why they should not be attached for contempt. The papers were served, and the City Government carried bodily to Des Moines. The defeat of creditors upon the execution is not allowable in Iowa.

The New York *World* and several other papers speak of General Sheridan's "declaration of martial law" in this city immediately after the fire. It is not true that General Sheridan declared martial law, or assumed any authority, except such as was conferred upon him by the Mayor. If the Mayor had no power to transfer his own authority to General Sheridan, that is another question, wholly apart from General Sheridan's alleged declaration of martial law.

It appears from the published correspondence between General Sheridan and Governor Palmer that on the 11th of October, the second day after the fire, the latter thanked the former for his promptness in ordering troops to the city. We may add that everybody in this city thanked him, except the "International Commune" and its newspaper organ.

A Washington telegram informs the public that Secretary Fish not only has not resigned but has no notion of resigning. It seems that these Washington newsmongers connected with the New York press have no difficulty in turning out a Secretary and appointing his successor, whenever they lack for other news, and of gotting their chiefs at headquarters to endorse their stories as "unquestionable authority." They will, however, have great difficulty in persuading the public to swallow this Fish story any more. Mr Fish may as well hold on to his portfolio during the remainder of his natural life, for nobody will ever be made to believe that he has gone out, even though his successor should be commissioned and sworn in.

Mr. F. A. Walker, the efficient Superintendent of the Census, has promised to take the Indian Commissionership, provided the salary can be increased. It looks, from this, as if Mr. Walker meant to depend upon the salary of his office, instead of the stealings, for his remuneration; in which case he would be a marked exception to previous officials having to do with the Indian Bureau. If the bureau can stand such an innovation, it might be well to give Mr. Walker a trial at fair wages.

—The annual report of the Massachusetts Life Insurance Commissioner closes with this reference to the Chicago fire: While the terrible conflagration of October, 1871, is still raging in Chicago, anxious inquiries are being made at this department relative to its probable effect upon the Massachusetts companies. Not only of fire, but of fire companies also. Seventeen life companies appear to have $6,714,953 invested in that ill-fated city, viz: in city and county securities, $170,950, and in loans and mortgages on real estate, $6,544,203, the value of lands constituting being $12,885,850, and buildings, $4,329,300. The land itself is deemed ample security for the entire amount loaned."

—According to an old legend, if a young lady goes down cellar backward at 12 o'clock on the night of the last day of October, holding a mirror before her, she will see in the face of her future husband. A young lady of Lewiston, Me., who tried the experiment, made a misstep and fell to the bottom amid shreds of kerosene and broken glass, causing a rack which brought the whole family to the scene.

WASHINGTON.

Awaiting Alexis and Congress.

The Improvements.

Roster of Inns and Lodgings.

Fish and Catacazy.

The Mormon Alarm.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.

Washington, in parts, looks to-day like the burnt part of Chicago somewhat. The wide streets here resemble the gaps made by the fire, and now they are all dug up for the course of new sewers; the sidewalks of dozens of the streets are being set forward so as to make two parts of promenade to one part of carriage-way. The public squares are resonant, not with birds, but with the clatter of carpenters' hammers, making lodges and selling-places. The President's yard is all torn up, and a street is cut under the wall of his flower-house, effectually dividing him from the War and Navy Departments. He has been supplied with a capacious new stable, and they are digging down the declivities from his grounds toward the Potomac, to extend his park, and place to good advantage the new State Department, whose excavation is well advanced. Pennsylvania avenue is dug up from the Treasury to Georgetown, a whole mile, to receive the the new cement pavement. Fifteenth street is newly graded from the Treasury corner to the Potomac. F street, from Winder's building to Rock Creek, is graded and boulevarded, leaving many fine old houses suspended high in the air, with hanging gardens around them. Fourteenth street is paved with wood, from Franklin square to the Columbia College. The two great brick wings of the new Market Company are nearly finished. An entirely new street railway, with double track, running one-horse omnibus cars, is laid from the Treasury on New York avenue to the Government Printing Office and the Bladensburg toll-gate. The former F Street Railway is to be extended at once from the Capitol across to the Eastern Branch bridge to Uniontown or Howardville, the negro settlement. The Government Printing Office has been enlarged by the addition of a goodly brick wing, and the streets about are finally graded and paved; so that every way from the Capitol the eye at least can peer down the wide streets to the human country. Two large new school houses are prominent objects on the northern outline of the city. Much new building of a private nature has been added to the desolate streets. Senator Blaine's West's new house, adjoining Speaker Blaine's, is prominent as a monumental gingerbread. Capitol Hill is dotted over with new rows of mansions. The Ebbitt Hotel is extended on the opposite side of Willard's, and will be thrown open in December. They are painting Willard's Hotel, and will open it in January. Mr. Cake, proprietor of Congress Hall, at Cape May, N. J., is the new landlord of the Metropolitan Hotel, and has refurnished it. Wormley, the negro caterer, has built quite a decent inn, equal to most of the hotels in Georgetown, patronized by the Hon. Samuel Hooper, of Boston. Welker, the restaurateur has annexed his house, and domed it with one of the pavilions of the late Centennial. He has put it presents the appearance of a Quaker with a gorgeous helmet on his head. Gray has also done over the old Bright House, *en cafe*, some tall chimneys and a Mansard roof. There is a new hotel on Capitol Hill, underwrapped with three stories, and resembling a portable shot-tower. The new Agricultural Report is out, with the usual High Tariff sauces omitted; so that it is a little tougher than before. It is understood that General Grant has a new steward, and his pair of pigs have shed their coats by the force of circumstance, if no other way. My five-pigs has ceased to smoke, owing to my success in cleansing the chimney with an Indian Agent. Hoping these few lines will find you the same, I close my present communication.

N. B.—The cause of so much improvements is our new Syndicate. We have added the value of every body we possess nothing, to the taxes of those who possess anything, and refunded all these improvements upon posterity by issuing our bonds. Thus we make it a free gift to the Centennial, and, if any objection, we will simply refuse to have any posterity. A national debt is a private Blessing.

THE QUARREL OVER CATACAZY.

A certain dignity of manhood bells a statesman, but this dignity should be too noble for quarrelling. Mr. Fish has not without accomplishments for the position; but the quarrel with Minister Catacazy is. Even the minister himself, who is expected to sustain the Secretary of State, and the hope is general that he will resign, and leave the great blank of respectable dulness occupied by his office, to some person with more equanimity.

The trouble with Mr. Fish is, that he belongs to one of "old families." Our old families in America were very tender transplantations, small in the shrub and sickly in the graft. The disease in the case of Fish is Stuyvesantism; some of the Stuyvesant blood has got over into him or his wife, or somebody; and it occasionally gives him a softening of the brain. Peter Stuyvesant was an old, one-legged chap in the Dutch army, sent to be Governor of New York Colony, and probably about equal in respectability to some of our Territorial Governors or Post Commanders, that is, good to swindle, good to be shot at, good to be killed once, at the battle of Christina, when, as Washington Irving relates, "He fell into a cushion softer than velvet, which Minerva, or St. Nicholas, or some kindly cow had prepared for his reception." Ridiculous as it may seem, the Fish family always hated Mr. Irving for the fiction, and the Stuyvesant and the author had to express his contempt for the Knickerbocker sensitiveness in a preface and later edition. Old Stuyvesant got a good deal of property in New York, and left it over to his descendants, and they now assume to be the equals of aristocrats. How a flat can, this people with a good English education! While the brothers of the Secretary are selling dry goods in New York, here are the Stuyvesant Fishes shaking their caudal and stiffening their dorsal fins over the Catacazy.

Catacazy is a little whiffet of a Teutonic Tartar, married to a stunning fine blonde, with a little head and luxurious appointments. He pulls a good deal of wire, but never sensible people. Catacazy was a Prince, or something, and had to fall in love with another man's wife. They eloped together. The divorce hanging fire in Russia, they bought a next year's almanac, moved forward the clock, and formed a matrimonial syndicate until such time as the Czar should forward the certificate.

There is no greater evidence that the Stuyvesant Fishes are of tolerably common and decent blood than that they could not approve of Mrs. Catacazy's conduct. There is great evidence that they belonged to our revising democracy when they took chance with the Secretary's strange acquaintances, and made up their minds, like women in a Brooklyn boarding house, to cut her acquaintance. Thus, the torpedo leg of old Petrus Stuyvesant has stirred up a scandal, and our hospitality to a Foreign Legation is as unworthy as the great Stuyvesant's battle-cushion.

I have never quite got over the Englishman's dislike for fe—mers of all kinds, and these long-tailed sexuals are to be belaboured consistently in accordance with their rank if they are a little wicked. Catacazy, mad as any man would be at the disparagements noted toward his wife,—all the more sensitive because a little under the rose,—has probably talked about Fish. Why not? The Fishes talked about the Catacazys. This dull old Mr. Fish denounces Mr. Sumner wherever he goes. He wrote cutting things to Mr. Motley. Tit for tat, brother Fish!

And all for this we are going to spoil young Alexis' visit. We are going to present, instead of a picture of republican frankness, the dark side-scenes, the panting, and the ill-concealed jealousy of a Spanish Court. What an ill-mannered administration!

COLFAX'S TOUR, AND THINGS.

Schuyler Colfax has done and is under another effort. All his writings are easy to read. They introduce themselves pleasantly, like one of Bishop Taylor's preachers, with such adjectives as "golden" and "silvery," and so forth. This perennial acrity to please is the charm of Colfax's style. Fluent, unindividual, and genuine. If all our public men would imitate it, and not strain for strength, knowledge, and depth so much, we would have a more youthful public life and better sentiments. I throw this out merely as a suggestion that we refine our sentiments and our adjectives more. I think Mr. Chadband, in one of Mr. Dickens' stories, who was the great master of this style.

In his last letter, published, I believe, in the *Chicago Tribune*, there is an allusion to the necessity of [illegible] the democratic party and its principles, from all those [illegible] who are desirous to assist [illegible] at the next election; by remodelling the tariff. I fear so also signifies to the Vice President's style, and [illegible] somewhat obscure, frankness; so I copy this sentence:

> With a hearty endorsement of the reforms attempted to outline in my article of last month on the Public Debt, and with my sincere regret at declines of taxation, and especially of duties on tea, coffee, incomes, &c., as war taxes, to be replaced with a judicious revision of the tariff for the momentary exigencies of war, etc., etc., the [illegible] departure of the Democracy, whatever shape it may finally assume, can be made a source of congratulation.

Colfax is a little apprehensive that the Society of Deseret,—mere falsehood; but industry and sacrifice have given it a prosperity which can stand everything but the democratic competition. Colfax will stop over with Dr. Newman, a marplot and an ecclesiastical showman, kindled it up, first by dignifying it with a debate, then by [illegible] to proceed against it with force. Mr. Lincoln compared polygamy to a great tree-hole on his father's farm; it could not be spilt, and it would not burn, so he "plowed around it." The new mines in Utah were gunpowder in it, and would soon have blown it up; but this [illegible]

ETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

FRIDAY EVENING, Nov. 10.

...seems to be some little more activity in ...ness, and the demand for Eastern ...es and bills has increased by large payments ...ew checks of grain and produce received. ...es are firm at the highest rates of the season, and free from the usual stringency. The ...ments of the banks indicate a healthy condition, and ...not be unwelcome to them to find use for, in the ...nary channels of employment, the large ...ency now lying idle. The ...

...the gross earnings nearly on New ...are showing pretty well for ...ost shipments, but those do not furnish ...basis for the disposal of the ...ent for the money at the Eastern ...supply the demand for New York funds has ...ased for the last day or two that some ...large offerings of gold to ship currency to ...ork today, and the premium and other selling ...ct exchange, to correspond at the counter, is ...maximum. Another feature of the local ...market now, is the demand for governments. ...Many people have money ...bonds. ...not at present, and rates are afraid ...it out, and therefore invest it temporarily ...ernments. It seems probable, however, ...there will soon be a change in nearly all ...ticulars above mentioned. Money will be ...y for commercial paper, and with the demand from the ...for currency, which seems now beginning ...ove, currency will become scarce here, ...ew York will be more abundant, and ...ge will decline.

COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY EVENING, Nov. 10.

...owing are the receipts and shipments of ...al this port during the past twenty-four ...s, as far as reported, with the corresponding ...ds one year ago:

	Receipts.		Shipments.	
	1870.	1871.	1870.	1871.
...ls.	4,091	9,776	2,734	7,262
...bu.	87,000	141,000	1,000	124,419
...bu.	165,000	24,315	60,502	150,886
...bu.	39,000	20,000	1,000	45,000
...bu.	39,401	25,179	1,934	65,681
...bu.	1,000	1,000	5,454	5,794
...bu.	9,770	4,350	2,116	27,258
...pcs.	102 143	11,793	91,191	
...lbs.	40,000			
...corn, lbs	139,410	15,567	14,925	52,966
...ats, lbs	21,125	21,000	139,313	491,562
...bu.	600	374	1,147	1,401
...bu.		200	543	534
...lbs.	97,150		117,578	20,518
...lbs.	17,440	4,606		1,400
...lbs.	41,397	24,777	12,810	26,499
...lbs.	10,000	10,000	4,583	1,713
...No.	1,971	2,343	103	276
...lbs.	96,900	102,788	29,075	67,441
...bbls.	1,000	41	274	40
...lbs.	16,805		69,000	72,770
...pcs.	4,500	2,462	2,000	2,301
...pcs.	3,128	3,808	1,913	2,107
...lbs.	400	450	1,483	1,603
...lbs.	1,000	210	120	450
...lbs.	5,521	6,317	2,497	1,971

...dreach yesterday for city consumption; ...e which 2,231 bu corn; 914 bu oats; 761 bu ...ats bu barley.

...following grain has been inspected into ...up to 9 o'clock this morning: 177 cars ...; 348 cars corn; 17,500 bu No. 2 do; 73 cars ...,000 bu oats; 4 cars rye; 20 cars barley, ...,000 cars) 396,000 bu.

...re was rather less doing in produce circles ...day than for several days past, but ...were few changes to note in prices, though ...ipts were on the increase, especially in ...e. The shipping movement was only a limi...one.

...wines were quiet, but firmer, in sympathy ...e better feeling noted at New York ...y. A total of 200 bbls was sold early at ...ld holders asked $6.50 at the close.

...freights were not particularly active, but ...e the vessel-owners refusing to charter at ...e rates, alleging that sailors' wages are now ...h that they cannot afford to do it; this made ...shippers hold back. A total of eight grain ...s are reported as having left up to 2 p.m. ...y, as follows: 16,000 bu wheat; 105,000 bu corn; 14,000 bu oats, and 1 bu barley. Rail rates to Buffalo were 7 1-2c for corn, and 8c on oats, while the latter was taken to ...go at 11 3-4c.

...ions were quiet; mess pork and lard ...ed steady, with a shade firmer, owing to the ...e of ice per 100 lbs in the price of live hogs. ...e was a good demand at previous quota...but there were few sellers, probably, because ...ey are scarce. The market closed at the ...ing range of prices: Mess pork, $12.75@ ...the outside for selected brands. Pork, ...ular, $12.75; do seller January, $13.00; do seller February, $14.12 1-4@13.25. Lard, $8.75@8.80 for cash; $8.80@8.85 for seller December, and $8.90@8.95 for seller January. Sweet-pickled hams, 9 1-2c nom. Green meats firmly held at 6c for shoulders; 8c for Cumberlands; 11 1-2c for clear ribs. Beef is decidedly dull at $8.50 for mess and $10.50 for extra. Tallow, 8 3-4c for prime. Sales were reported of 10 bbls mess pork at $12.75; 80 lbs lard at 8 3-4c; 20 tcs do at 8 9-4c; 20 tcs do (country) at ; 100 tcs No. 1 do at 8 5-8c; 40 tcs goods at ; 20,000 lbs green shoulders at 6c; 20,000 lbs do 7 days in salt, at 8 1-2c; 100 tcs do, seller to ...5, at 8c; 180 hhs short ribs, seller to Decem..., at 8 7-8c; 50,000 lbs green shoulders, 7 1-4c; five tcs part seller December, and 20,000 lbs ...1c; 50 tcs new sweet pickled hams at 8 1-2c; 20 tcs do, seller December, at 9c; 30 tcs do, seller January, at 9 1-2c; 100 tcs prime packers' tallow at 6 3-4c; ...country do at 6c.

...Wood, White & Crowell state that the packing to date is about 40,000 head of hogs, against ...e same date last year.

...ere was dull, the shipping demand being ...y, while buyers were indifferent to the ...ted prices easier, owing to a weak New ...k market. Sales were reported of 192 ctls ...ed at $1.20@1.21 for No. 2 do; 1,000 bu do ...ecerns; 25 bu spring extras (Minnesota) at ...; 100 bris do (do) at 1.00; 800 bris do (Illinois) at 92c; 800 bris do on private ...; 100 bris spring superfine at 84c; 500 bris ...at 95c; 50 bris rye flour at 84.50; 50 bris buckwheat at $7.00. Total, 1,450 bris. Bran was ...ed at $14.50 on track.

...Wheat was irregular, at an average decline of ...c from yesterday's prices, the drop being ...e to a reported degeneration of id on California ...s in Liverpool, with corresponding dulness ...New York. There was very little demand for ...mmediate, but the trading in options, principally ...seller last half, was rather large. The market ...y alternately weak and firm, as the buyers ...e sellers changed places several times. The ...ket opened at $1.20 1-4, then sold at $1.20; im...ved 3-4c, fell to $1.19 3-4, and closed at $1.20 3-4c. ...December sold at $1.21@1.22 1-4, closing at $1.22 ...Seller the month sold at $1.19@1.19 3-4, closing ...e outside. Other grades than No. 2 spring ...e in very light demand. No. 1 red winter was ...inal at $1.30, and No. 2 red at $1.25. Cash sales ...reported of 1,200 bu No. 1 spring at $1.24; ...bu do at $1.23; 6,000 bu No. 2 spring at $1.20 1-4; ...0 bu do at $1.20; 11,000 bu do at $1.19 3-4; ...0 bu do at $1.19 1-2; 26,000 bu do at $1.19 1-2; ...0 bu do at $1.19 1-4; 13,000 bu do at $1.12; ...0 bu No. 3 spring at $1.12; 4,000 bu do at $1.11; ...bu do at $1.10; 800 bu rejected spring at ...; 600 bu do at $1.09 1-2; 1,000 bu do $1.08. Total, ...,000 bu.

...orn was a shade easier, and less active, on the ...le, though the sales of cash lots footed up a ...regate, all the car lots offered being freely ...ed up. The larger receipts caused a rather ...k feeling early, but New York was reported ...ong, with a scarcity of offerings, and this fact ...established confidence in prices. The market ...No. 2 was 48 1-2c, and for rejected 45 1-2@46 2-4c; ...ough the greater part of the session, closing at ...4c and 46 1-2c. Seller the month sold sparingly ...45 7-8@46 1-4c, and seller December at 44 1-2c. ...o sales were reported for No. 2 at 46 1-2c; 28,000 bu do at 46 1-4c; 400 bu do at 46c; ...0 bu do at 45 1-4c; 4,000 bu do at 45c; 1,000 bu ...ejected at 45c; 5,000 bu do at 2-4c; 22,500 bu do at 45 1-2c; ...0 bu new, seller first half, at 42c. Total, 102,...

...ats were less active, but again higher, though ...s not so strong at the advance. New York was ...ported buoyant, and the stocks in the West are ...orted light, which has caused quite a rush for ...m here during the past few days. The present ...provement in cash lots is not, however, accom...nied by a corresponding rise in the price of op...ons for delivery at the beginning of next year, ...e market opened at 31 1-4c for cash, and seller ...e month sold at 31 1-2c, closing at 32 3-8@32 1-2c. ...ller the month sold at 31 3-4@31 7-8c; seller December ...t 32 1-4@32 7-8c, and seller January at 33 3-4c. ...sh sales were reported of 18,000 bu at 32 1-2c; ...0 bu at 32 1-4c; 19,000 bu at 32c; 6,000 bu at ...4c afloat; 5,000 bu rejected at 30c; 2,400 bu do ...2 3-4c. Total, 103,000 bu.

...Rye was quiet and easier, though the receipts ...re light. The market opened firm, but fell off ...c, closing at 66@66 1-2c, the outside for fresh. ...les were: 3,200 bu Nos. 1 and 2 at 66; 5,000 bu ...at 66 1-2c; 10,000 bu do at 66 1-4c; 4,000 bu do at ...4c; 3,000 bu rejected at 64 1-2c; 4,000 bu do at ...4c. Total, 29,200 bu.

...Barley was firm and higher. Lemons remain dull. Prices range as follows: Apples on track at $2.25@2.50, and from store at $1.25@3.00. Cranberries, $10.00@11.00 for wild, and $12.00@14.00 for cultivated. Lemons, $7.00@8.00.

...FISH—This market was firm for all descriptions, save mackerel, which were easy. Prices were nominally unchanged, ranging as follows: No. 1 white fish, $4.75@5; No. 2, $4.25@4.50; No. 1 shore mackerel, $10@10.50; No. 1 bay, $8.50@9; No. 2 do, $6.50@7; No. 1 Spanish mackerel, $12@13; No. 1 trout, $7.50@8; No. 2 do, $6.50@7; family kits, $1.10@1.15; bank cod, $4@5; George's cod, $7@7.50; box herring, No. 1, 40@45c; scaled herring, 45@50c.

...GROCERIES—In this department an active business was doing, and the prevalent feeling was one of firmness. The stocks are fairly steadily im...proved, and our dealers are now prepared to fill orders for any article in the list. We quote:

...COFFEES—Prime Rio coffee, 21@22c; choice do, 23@25c; O. G. Java, 30@32c; Singapore, 29@30c; Costa Rica, 26@28c.

...RICE—Rangoon, 7 1-2@8c; Patna, 8@ 1-2c; Carolina, 8 3-4@9c.

...SUGARS—A sugar, 12 3-4@13 1-2c; B do, 12 1-4@12 1-2c; do, C 11 3-4@12c; choice brown, 10 3-4@11 1-4c; fair do, 10@10 1-2c; molasses do, 9@10c.

...SYRUPS—Diamond, $1.35@1.40; common syrups, 90@95c; Porto Rico molasses, 45@55c; good sugar-house syrup, 80@90c; stocks extra, 60@65c; choice silver drips, extra fine, 80@90c; fancy, 95@1c.

...SPICES—Allspice, 14@15c; cloves, 19@20c; cassia ...@c; pepper, 20@22c; nutmegs, $2.30@2.40.

...SOAPS—French mottled, 6 3-4@7c, standard, 6 1-4@6 3-4c; German mottled, 7 1-4@7 3-4c; resolve, 6 3-4@7c; Lenox, Wilbur's, 6 1-2@7 3-4c; palm, 4@5c.

...STARCH—Gloss, 7 1-4@7c; corn, 10@12 1-2c; laundry, 6 1-2@7c; common, 5@5 1-4c.

...HAY—Trade was active to-day, and the market for pressed descriptions exhibited increased strength. The demand for shipment to Lake Superior and the lumber regions was quite urgent, and with a good Eastern demand and the usual local inquiry, a large business was doing. Prices were without important change, ranging as follows: In lots—Timothy, pressed, $18.00@19.00; prairie, pressed, $9.00@10.00. On wagon—Timothy, loose, $15@17; do prairie, loose, $8.00@9.00. For delivery of pressed hay, $1@1.50, according to distance.

...HIDES—Nothing new was noted in connection with the hide market. The movement was on a liberal scale, and previous rates were ruled firm. We quote: Green salted, light, 11 1-2c; do, heavy, 10 1-2c; garrion kip, 11 1-2c; veal kip, 11c; green calf, 17c; dry flint, 25c; dry flint, 18c; dry salted, 21@22c; dry kip, 22c; deacons, 12c; rotted, cut, or otherwise damaged, two-thirds price.

...LEATHER—Was quiet and steady at the under-noted quotations:

...HEMLOCK—City harness, union, 37@38c; city harness, 35@36c; country harness, 33@35c; linecity, per lb, 29@32c; Slip, per lb, 26@27.50; Slip, vealsk, $1.05@1.15; city upper, No. 1, per ft, 36@38c; city upper, No. 2, per ft, 32@35c; country upper, No. 1, 30@32c; sole, per ft, 21@23c; calf, city, $1.30@1.40; calf, country, $1.10@1.25; rough upper, 11 to 13 lbs, 33@35c; rough upper, 14 to 15 lbs, 32@34c; rough upper, damaged, 28@30c; Buffalo sole, damaged, 20@23c.

...OAK—Slaughter sole, 40@42c; Philadelphia sole, 43@45c; harness, per lb, 36@38c; kip, light, $1.00@1.10; kip, No. 1, medium, 80@85c; kip, heavy, 75@80c; American calf, 95 lbs, $1.35@1.45; French calf, 28 lbs, $1.80@2.30; French calf, 26 lbs, $1.60@1.70; French kip, 60 to 100 lbs, $1.00@1.85; French calf, Lemoyne, per doz $63.00@80.00; French calf, Jodot, $70.00@100.00.

...METALS AND TINNERS' STOCK—Activity and firmness were the prominent features of this market. There was no change in prices, which range as follows:

...TIN—Bar tin plate, IC, 10x14, $11.00; roofing C, $10.50; large pigs, 45c; small pigs, 43c; bar tin, 45c.

...COPPER—Copper bottoms, 33c; braziers', over 12 lbs, 32c; tin copper, 30c.

...SHEET ZINC—First quality, cask, 10 1-2c; first quality, sheet, 11c; slab zinc, 9c.

...WIRE—9 to 6, 9c; 5, 8 and 9, 10c; 10 to 11, 11c; 12, 12 1-2c; 13 and 14, 13 1-2c; 15 and 16, 14c; 17, 15c; 18, 16c; 19, 16c; 20, 16c; full bundles 20 per cent off.

...NAILS—Iowa in fair demand, and prices were firmer than yesterday. Sales were: 118 kegs 1 mostly at $3.10; 156 kegs at $3.85; 170 kegs clover at $3.50; 30 kegs do at $3.60; 20 kegs do at $3.55; 10 kegs do at $3.50; 1 car bunkwheat at 3.50; 30 kegs flax at $4.00.

...TEAS—The demand continues unsettled, and the market remains firm at full prices. The stocks are moderate. We quote: Young hyson, common to fair, coarse; good, fresher choice to extra, $1.20 at1.40; superior to fine old hyson, 90c@1.10; common fine imperial, 85@90c; choice extra, 95@1.00; $1.05@1.15; fine to good gunpowder, scarce, 1.00; choice to extra, $1.30@1.45; choice to extra best Japan, $1.00@1.15; fair to good do, 90@95c; common to fine Oolong, 60@70c; common to fine Colong, 55@60c; good, Young Hyson, choice 55 extra, 90@$1.21.

...WOOD—No material change was noted in this market. There was a good demand at the following quotations: Beech, $6.50; maple, $11.00; hickory, $12.00. Sales were reported moderately active and firm at about former prices.

...LAKE FREIGHTS—Were more active, and a shade firmer. Charters were as follows: Propeller Merchant, Barley at 8c; schr C. H. Walker, corn at 7c; schr F. M. Knapp, wheat at 7 1-2c; prop Oneida, corn and oats on p. t. To Oswego—Barley, American and Montana, corn at 11 3-4c; seo Corsica, wheat, corn on p. t. To Ogdensburgh—Prop Lowell, wheat and corn on p. t.

...RAIL FREIGHTS—The following are the prevailing rates:

	1st class.	4th class.	Flr.	Grain, bulk.	Meats bulk.
New York	1.60	65	1.30	60	75
Boston	1.70	70	1.40	70	80
Philadelphia	1.60	65	1.30	60	75
Baltimore					
Albany, Troy and Schenectady	1.50	60	1.20	60	70
Montreal and Prescott	1.05	60	1.20	60	70
Toronto	80	50	70	35	60
Buffalo	80	30	70	30	60
Detroit	60	25	60	25	50
Lake	80	30	80	30	60
Cleveland	60	25	50	25	50
Detroit, Monroe and Toledo	60	25	60	25	50
Grand Rapids	60	25	60	25	50
Kalamazoo, Bat Cityand Wesons	60	30	60	30	
Indianapolis	60	75	50	25	
Cincinnati	70	30	60	30	
Columbus and Dayton	70	25	60	25	
Newark, O	80	40	80	40	
Wilmington	90	45	80	40	
Bellaire	90	40	80	40	
Washington, D. C	1.80	75	1.60	70	80
Charleston, S. C	2.10	85	1.70		
Savannah, Ga	2.10	85	1.70		

Lumber Market.

The market for cargo lumber to-day was rather slow. There were not many offerings, but the docks are full, and labor scarce, which makes buyers rather backward. There was no change in prices. The following sales were reported:

...Cargo schr Len Higby, from Pentwater, 450 m A Shingles, at $4.50. Sold by Blanchard, Borland & Co.

...Cargo bark Pomeroy, from Oconto, 330 m ft common mixed at $16.00. Cargo scow Sea Bird, from White Lake, 127 m ft mixed lumber at $18.00. Sold by E. M. Doubleday.

...Cargo schr El Tempo, 127 m ft posts and scantling, at $17.00 mill fully. Sold by J. M. Loomis & Co.

...Cargo schr Matt-son, from Racine, 27 m ft timber, at $25.00; 50 m ft boards at $9.00. Sold by Bickford & Co.

...Cargo barge Martha McNair, 120 m ft common mixed at $17.50. Sold by William Meglade.

ON TRACK.

...Shingles were dull, the attendance of buyers being small; country buyers seem unwilling to take hold extensively at recent prices. A's or Star are easier at $4.75 1-2@5.00 1-2; No. 1 sawed unchanged, at $1.50@2.00.

IN THE YARDS

...business is still brisk, the demand being principally local. Prices are unchanged, as follows:

First clear, 1 inch to 2 inch	$ 50.00
Second clear, 1 inch to 2 inch	47.00@48.00
Third clear, 1 inch	35.00@37.00
Third clear, thick	40.00@42.50
First and second clear flooring, together, rough	40.00
First and second clear siding, together	23.00@26.00
Common siding	20.00
Common flooring, dressed first	30.00
Common flooring, dressed second	30.00
Wagon-box boards, selected, 16 inches and upwards	35.00@40.00
A stock boards	30.00@35.00
B stock boards	25.00@28.00
Common boards, joists, scantling, small timber, etc., 16 feet and under	20.00
Fencing	20.00
Joists and scantling, 18x28 feet	30.00@38.00
Pickets, plain	15.00@17.00
Pickets, fancy	15.00
Clear posts, split	16.00@18.00
Clear posts, round	20.00@25.00
Lath	4.00
Sawed shingles, No. 1	1.25@ 2.75
Sawed shingles, A or star	3.75@ 4.00

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Dear Sir: The failure of many insurance Companies by the Chicago fire, after assurances had been given that they were able to pay all demands, and to pursue their business, has justified an apprehension in the public mind, and, perhaps, in your own, which it is important should be allayed.

We, therefore, so far as this Company is concerned, request you, at your earliest convenience, to investigate its affairs, and to ascertain its position and ability to fulfil existing obligations, and all that may arise in the ordinary course of its business.

We wish, also, to call your attention to our increase of capital, already largely over-subscribed, and desire to know when we can close the subscription books, and call in the money, under your construction of the statute.

Your prompt attention will be regarded as a favor.

Very respectfully,

CEO. T. HOPE, President.

Insurance Department, State of New York.

ALBANY, Nov. 2, 1871.

At the request of the Continental Insurance Company of the City of New York, I have taken the earliest opportunity, since the adjournment of the National Convention of Insurance Commissioners to investigate the affairs of the Company, and I find its condition to be as follows:

Its assets, amounting to $2,847,-307.84, are judiciously and safely invested.

Its capital of five hundred thousand dollars is unimpaired, and it has a surplus of net assets largely in excess of the amount required to reinsure its outstanding risks, after providing for all other liabilities, including Chicago losses.

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(Signed) CEO. W. MILLER, Superintendent.

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WM. N. BOWERS, General Agent.

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F. W. SPRINGER,

C. W. FLEMING.

Chicago, Nov. 8, 1871.

Dissolution.

The firm of Murphy & Tarrant is dissolved this day by mutual consent. All accounts can be paid to our collector as before, who is authorized to sign the firm name in liquidation of all accounts due to the firm.

JOHN MURPHY,

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Chicago, Nov. 6, 1871.

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WEBSTER BROS.

We take pleasure in informing our customers and the trade of the Northwest, that we are fully prepared with a complete stock of new goods, at the lowest market prices.

We guarantee entire satisfaction to the closest buyers, and in the completion of all orders.

Our city customers will be accommodated with BONNETS & DRESS HATS by our same experienced trimmers as before the fire.

We shall conduct our business this season at

455 WEST WASHINGTON-ST.,

Fronting Union Park.

HATS, CAPS AND FURS.

BASSETT & HAMMOND,

Hatters and Furriers,

Are receiving a new and desirable stock o Hats, Furs, Robes, Gloves, Umbrellas, etc. Shall be pleased to see both old and new customers at

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BABCOCK FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

THE ELECTION OF THE

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FULLY ENDORSES THE

BABCOCK

Fire Extinguisher!

BOTH ARE

OPPOSED TO CONFLAGR TIONS.

Babcock Fire Extinguisher Co.,

Office, 166 Wabash-av., and corner of Washington and Clinton-sts., Chicago. F. W. FARWELL, Sec'y.

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LUNT, PRESTON & KEAN,

BANKERS,

Masonic Building, cor. Randolph and Halsted-sts.,

Receive Deposits, discount commercial paper, and transact regular banking business.

Also draw gold bills of exchange on New York, and make advances on gold and governments at low rates of interest.

We buy or exchange the called 5-20s of '62, on which the interest ceases after Dec. 1.

We have completed arrangements by which we draw sterling drafts on London, and furnish letters of credit to European travellers.

FOREIGN OFFICE, 68 Wabash-av.

THE STATE SAVINGS INSTITUTION,

Formerly at 30 and 32 LaSalle-st., opposite the Court House, is now located at

589 WABASH-AV.,

Five doors south of Twelfth-st., and will open its Principal Office on Madison-st., third door west of Market, on

DECEMBER 1st,

And will have their new fire-proof Bank Building erected on the old site by July, 1872.

THE

Second National Bank

Is transacting its usual business at its new office, No. 45 West Washington-st. About the 1st of January will remove to the elegant fire-proof building, No. 69 West Washington.

The Place to Sell Mutilated or Charred Currency, Gold, Silver, Stocks, and Bonds, is at the Exchange Bank, 336 Wabash-av.

CHAS. L. BOYD, Cashier.

RAILWAY SUPPLIES.

VOSE, BINSMORE & CO.,

Railway Car Springs

AND

RAILWAY SUPPLIES,

Removed to 238 Michigan-av., foot of Harrison-st.

HARDWARE.

WILLIAM BLAIR & CO.,

WHOLESALE HARDWARE,

30 & 32 South Canal-st.

3,000 Hayes Tin Plates,

17,500 Pounds Copper Bottoms,

23 Cases Shelf Hardware,

5,000 Kegs Wheeling Nails,

And a large stock, comprising

HOUSE TRIMMINGS, CARPENTERS' TOOLS, STAMPED AND JAPANNED WARE,

And a full line of

GENERAL HARDWARE,

Carefully selected and bought for cash since the great fire.

SAFES.

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Fire & Burglar-Proof.

THE BEST IN THE MARKET.

TERWILLIGER & CO.,

70 SOUTH CANAL-ST.

LEGAL NOTICES.

In the District Court of the United States, for the Northern District of New York.

IN BANKRUPTCY—In the matter of the Western Insurance Company, a Bankrupt.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed Special Receiver of the property, assets and effects of the Western Insurance Company, which have been adjudged a Bankrupt by the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of New York, and that all persons have been forbidden, by the order of said Court, from making, and are forbidden to make, any payments of any debts to said Bankrupt, or the delivery of any property belonging to it, to said Bankrupt, or any of its officers, or any of the powers exercised by the undersigned as said Receiver, or from in any man

PINKERTON'S LOSS.

The Most Complete and Extensive Records of Criminal History in America Destroyed.

All the Army of the Potomac Secret Service Records Gone---Twenty Years' Files of the Chicago Newspapers Burned.

That our conflagration reduced to cinders thousands of valuables which can never be replaced, whose great value consisted in that very inability to be replaced, is too evident to be descanted on. The loss of the records in the Court House, and the numerous suggestions for the restoration of land titles make it painfully evident that this fact is only too well appreciated. But these were public property, and no one thinks of denying that their loss was a public calamity. But there were private records also, whose loss is a public calamity. If any one thinks otherwise, a perusal of the following may tend to change his opinion of the subject.

Thousands of thieves, and hundreds of thousands of respectable people, were as fully acquainted, with the name of Allan Pinkerton as of Thomas Jefferson or Jack the Giant Killer, and his detective agency and as famous an institution as Boston Common. The system ever which he presided was the result of years of patient toil and persevering energy, and the reputation enjoyed by him was the fruit of that toil, and energy, and perseverance. He was a huge central office in Chicago, and branches in New York and Philadelphia, the champion thief-catcher had his prey so unceasingly attached as to be all the time in the toils, only they didn't know it.

The system was not destroyed, but a portion of its foundation has given way, and the savings of twenty years---not in dollars and cents, that is records which dollars and cents can never replace---vanished in about half an hour. Mr. Pinkerton started his famous detective agency in Chicago in 1850, and two years later, when he began to assume large proportions, the records were commenced. The most minute details of every case were all faithfully recorded; the statement of every applicant for assistance in receiving property; the detectives to whom the "jobs" was entrusted; his orders; his report of the operations; the disposition by the thief of the property stolen; the amount recovered, and indeed every detail of the case. Then, when the thief was brought to trial, the whole of the testimony in the case was taken down, and the final disposition of the prisoner duly recorded, so that from the time a complaint was made at Pinkerton's headquarters that money or property had been stolen, a complete history of the thief and his pursuers until his disappearance of the former in the Penitentiary or his equivalent was recorded. The number of letter thus created was astonishing. For the mere clerical work upon it more than a dozen had been paid. Of such curious records there are no less than 400 gigantic volumes of great value. These were nearly all stowed away in one of Pinkerton's largest safes, while the remainder were placed in wooden cases. It is needless to state that every one of these was destroyed. Then the safe would have been a public calamity.

Mr. Pinkerton also possessed complete records of the secret service of the Army of the Potomac. They were of immense value, being not only the complete, but the only ones in existence. Mr. Pinkerton, whose facilities for obtaining correct information during those days, were, of course, very much greater than any one else's, had compiled them at $50,000. The government had already offered $20,000 for these---8 volumes altogether---and negotiations were still going on. The whole set perished. That was also a public calamity.

Pinkerton had in his employ a large number of preventive police, whose constitution was "to watch while all honest folks slept, and to chase the rogues city's sleeping by night," as the two great Graces were wont to sing. These men had orders every night to make out a report when they came in. They had to give an account of their proceedings on that night, the condition of the streets, any unusual circumstances they witnessed, who they saw, and what they heard or did to him or her. These reports were all copied into the records. There were forty of these ponderous volumes, which were obtained at a cost of $40 each, but their value may be imagined. They were frequently consulted in court proceedings for the purpose of gaining information as to whether the weather, the condition of the streets, the presence or absence of the moon, and other points could be given in forty-eight particulars, and if he presume that their accuracy is generally conceded so far as atmospheric conditions were concerned. Of course the records were all destroyed. In the first-floor safe, which the back seized everything on which they could lay hands, they carried two of these volumes down stairs and threw them on to the floor, on which much other miscellaneous matter was thrown also. The remainder shared the ferry fate common to everything in the burnt district.

In a small room adjoining Mr. Pinkerton's private office were a number of plain wooden safes in which were stored the files of the daily papers since 1850. There was not a copy of a daily or weekly paper issued since 1850, of which Mr. Pinkerton had not a duplicate. Many were bound together, and 100 volumes were thus made all. There were printed instructions posted all round the wall, giving directions to the men, in case of fire, how these precious books could be trusting the safes to protect the records. It was supposed that the Barrits safes, which cost $400 each, and a Herring safe, which cost $600, would be worth something as a protection against fire, but the result proved otherwise. Not a single safe preserved its contents unburned, and that one by a fortunate accident. Owing to some misconception in the testimony one safe, containing some of the account books and receipts from express companies of money stolen, fell into the street, and escaped being melted. The contents were valuable in their way, but to Mr. Pinkerton only. To others records were completely wiped out, and with them was wiped out the foundation for a complete and exhaustive history of the Northwest. Sufficient for one thrilling stories without end; groundwork for sensational stories innumerable. It was Mr. Pinkerton's intention to have some of these published in due time, when the parties were dead or forgotten. Indeed, many of them were already written, and were waiting but a favorable opportunity for introduction to the world. The record in this form has interfered materially with his designs, and crumbled plans and papers into one common ruin. When the fire broke out a coach was immediately made to save the most valuable property. All that could be moved in Mr. Pinkerton's room was transferred to a wagon, and the whole paper safes were made ready for removing. But before the wrecking tackle could be put into satisfactory operation the flames were darting through the hatchway, and the wagon containing the thrilling properties of private life was driven off to Mr. Pinkerton's home on West Monroe street.

Besides these losses were others. The storeroom in here the disguises and other paraphernalia of a detective were stored; the dormitory and the extensive household arrangements necessary for the accommodation of the small army of men in constant employ in the building also were burned.

The energy here did all the damage it could. In half an hour the best regulated office in the country, and the most accurate and probably minutely detailed records, lay in the basement a red hot, indescribable heap of rubbish, the only recognizable article whereof, a fortnight later was a heap of bricks, surrounded by the remains of a penholder.

THE LOSS OF GRAIN.

Meeting of Receivers who Lost Grain in the Burnt Elevators and Cars---The Railroads Decline to Pay for Grain in Their Hands, Alleging that it was Lost by the Act of God.

A meeting of grain receivers who have lost grain burnt in elevators or cars prior to the delivery to the consignees was held yesterday afternoon at the office of A. M. Wright, corner of Lake and Canal streets, Mr. Howe in the chair.

The President said that he, with Mr. McCrea, had called on the authorities of the Northwestern Road, who said they should refuse to pay for grain in their hands, since it was lost by the act of God. The attorney of the road had said the railroad considered its liability at an end when the grain was put to the elevator. The attorney of the Illinois Central said his road entertained the same opinion. The chairman here read the letter of the Michigan Central, which was to the effect that they should refuse to pay for grain in their hands, since it was lost by the act of God.

Mr. Pinkerton had consulted with the attorneys of the Michigan Central, and they had given the same opinion. The Chairman here read the letter of the Illinois